

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 796

By Baird

A RESOLUTION to recognize the First National Bank of LaFollette on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is honored to recognize those financial institutions within this State whose long histories are intertwined with the growth of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the First National Bank of LaFollette is one such financial institution, and will be entering into its second century of conducting business this year; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 1904, R.B. Baird, Robert Mullens, J.P. Miller, R.H. Sharp, J.D. McFetridge, M.L. Longmire, Samuel Smith, and W.S. McKamey established a bank in the town of LaFollette; having subscribed for stock, the group's first order of business was to unanimously select Robert Mullens as Chairman and W.S. McKamey as Secretary of the stockholders; and

WHEREAS, with an initial capital stock of \$50,000 and duly executed shares, these eight men became the first Board of Directors of the National Bank of LaFollette; by rule of vote at that first meeting, R.B. Baird was chosen to serve as President, Robert Mullens as Vice President, and W.S. McKamey as Cashier and the decision was made to purchase property at the corner of Central and Tennessee on which could be built a banking house; and

WHEREAS, W.L. Geasland designed the architectural plans for the first bank building and, on November 30, 1904, a new bank stood in LaFollette, a testimony to the determination of its board members; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the National Bank of LaFollette has prospered, evolving into First National Bank of LaFollette which, since surviving a blaze that destroyed the original bank building in 1972, has grown to encompass 90 employees working in the main office and three branch offices; and

WHEREAS, eight bank Presidents have guided the bank's progress over the past century: R.B. Baird, Robert Mullens, W.S. McKamey, Miles Irwin, L.I. Mauney, Clarence E. Farris, Fred I. Cain, Sr., and J. Michael Smithers; and

WHEREAS, the current Board of Directors, consisting of Chairman Dr. James Farris, Vice Chairman Robert L. Woodson, Jr., Secretary Marvin Minton, George Ellison, Conrad Troutman, Fred I. Cain, Sr., Fred I. Cain, Jr., Robert L. Woodson, III, J. Michael Smithers, and Tom Robards, will adroitly guide the First National Bank of LaFollette into its next century of business; and

WHEREAS, the First National Bank of LaFollette has been a stalwart fixture for the citizens of Campbell County, and should be recognized for its involvement in the last one hundred years of LaFollette's history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize the First National Bank of LaFollette on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and offer our hopes for its every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.